

# Exhibit B

The Honorable Robert S. Lasnik

**UNITED STATES DISTRICT COURT  
WESTERN DISTRICT OF WASHINGTON  
AT SEATTLE**

SUSAN SOTO PALMER, et. al.,

*Plaintiffs,*

v.

STEVEN HOBBS, et. al.,

*Defendants,*

and

JOSE TREVINO, ISMAEL CAMPOS, and  
ALEX YBARRA,

*Intervenor-Defendants.*

Case No.: 3:22-cv-05035-RSL

Judge: Robert S. Lasnik

**AFFIDAVIT OF DAVID ELY  
REGARDING SPECIAL MASTER  
CANDIDACY**

Under Federal Rule of Civil Procedure 53(b) and this Court's Order (Dkt. 230), I declare the following:

I have familiarized myself with the identity of the parties in this case and with the Court's order for the parties to identify special master candidates. I can attest and affirm that I know of no grounds for disqualification under 28 U.S.C. § 455 that would prevent me from serving as Special Master in the above-captioned matter.

I am interested in serving as Special Master to assist the Court in the assessment of proposed remedial plans and to make modifications to those plans as necessary. I have the

1 capability and availability to serve as Special Master based on my understanding of the  
2 requirements of doing so.

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4 I declare under penalty of perjury that the foregoing is true and correct to the best of my  
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8 Executed on December 1, 2023.

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